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Updates to the Community Business Revitalization Program

In 1980, the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission approved the Community Business Revitalization Program (CBRP) to encourage the rehabilitation of the exterior facades of commercial buildings in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (County). The CBRP provides grants for property owners and businesses to improve their facades and address building code violations in commercial properties in targeted areas of the County in order to support neighborhood revitalization.

On October 15, 2012, the Board of Commissioners (Board) approved revisions to the CBRP to eliminate the requirement for property owner contributions towards construction costs and to allow the Board to provide grants of up to \$100,000 per building. However, it has since been noted that revisions to the CBRP funding threshold are necessary to address large-scale commercial buildings, particularly those not in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), County Building Code standards, and that have other public health and safety issues.

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The CBRP Guidelines should also be amended to include interior work required to correct violations of the County Building Code and other public health and safety issues, and to allow the use of architectural design services when required.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS
THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

- 1) Approve revisions to the Community Business Revitalization Program Guidelines (CBRP) to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to:
 - a. Award grants of up to \$300,000 per building;
 - b. Allow for interior work when necessary to correct violations of the County Building Code and other public health and safety issues; and
 - c. Allow the use of architectural design services when required.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute, amend and, if necessary, terminate Owner Participation Agreements with property owners, and any related documents necessary for the CBRP;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or his designee, to incorporate and amend the CBRP guidelines, as needed for the purposes described above; and
- 4) Find that approval of these actions is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because the CBRP involves activities that will not have the potential for causing a significant impact on the environment.

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